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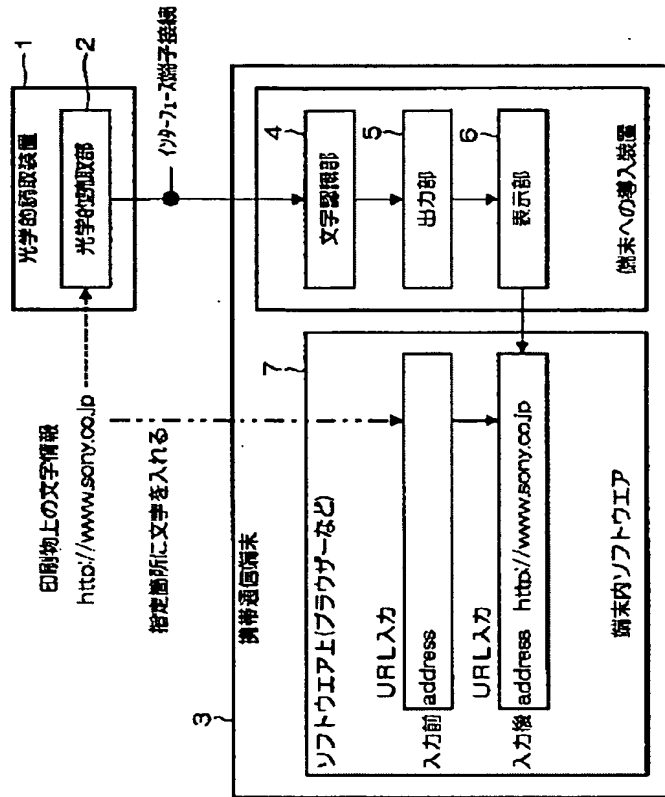
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TITLE : PORTABLE COMMUNICATION  
TERMINAL AND CHARACTER READER



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To input a character accurately and easily into a portable communication terminal.

SOLUTION: An optical reader 1 is mounted on a portable communication terminal 3 such as a portable telephone, a PHS, a PDA, etc. An optical reading section 3 is described on a paper medium such as prints, etc. A communication address (a telephone number, an electronic mail address, URL, etc.), and a management number (a certificate number, a specification number, etc.), a composition (a long sentence) for electronic mail, or the like is read optically with a device such as a CCD or the like, and is sent out to the portable communication terminal 3. The portable communication terminal 3 recognizes a character from the read signal of the above optical reader 1, and supplies a corresponding character code to an output terminal 5. The output terminal 5 supplies the above character code to an indicator 6 on one hand and supplies it to software 7 such as a browser or the like on the other.

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